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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 415
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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Jellico High School football players Tommy Bowlin, Brad Sharp, Tim Leach, and Dave Angel on being selected Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association All -Region 2 2-A.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is proud to specially honor and commend our exemplary athletes who work hard, make sacrifices for the good of their team, help their team to achieve success and win awards; and

WHEREAS, a distinguished group of four gridiron greats from Jellico High School, Tommy Bowlin, Brad Sharp, Tim Leach, and Dave Angel, recently received a much deserved honor when they were named to the prestigious Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association All-Region 2 2-A team; and

WHEREAS, the awesome "Fearsome Foursome" led the Blue Devils to their second consecutive winning season, a Gem City Bowl championship and the team's first seven-win season in fifteen years; and

WHEREAS, halfback Bowlin and bruising linebacker Sharp, who are only juniors, were also named Knoxville *News-Sentinel* All-East Tennessee and were chosen the Campbell County offensive and defensive players of the year, respectively by the *LaFollette Press*; and

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WHEREAS, Bowlin had another phenomenal year; the speedster rushed for 1,756 yards, scored 21 touchdowns and was Jellico's second leading tackler, with 80 tackles, of which 72 were solo, and two interceptions; and

WHEREAS, in the Blue Devils final regular season game against Tellico Plains, Bowlin set a new school single-game rushing record and nearly topped the state mark for all divisions, with 421 yards and five touchdowns; and

WHEREAS, an Associated Press All-State Honorable Mention choice, he finished this memorable season as the top East Tennessee running back, averaging more than 10 yards per carry and one touchdown per 8.8 carries; and

WHEREAS, in three seasons, Bowlin has rushed for a staggering 3,758 yards and scored 49 touchdowns; and

WHEREAS, the prestigious *Blue Chip* newsletter, a top recruiting publication, recently listed Tommy Bowlin as one of the 26 best college prospects among some 200 Tennessee players; and

WHEREAS, Brad Sharp is a great player in his own right, having led the Blue Devils in tackles last season; and

WHEREAS, Brad was in on 101 total tackles, of which 64 were solo; and

WHEREAS, he also intercepted a pass, recovered two fumbles and started on the offensive line as one of Bowlin's most important blockers; and

WHEREAS, although injured most of the season, the talented Tim Leach rushed for 400 yards, scored seven touchdowns, and made 50 solo tackles; and

WHEREAS, Dave Angel played fullback on offense, but earned his fame on the defensive line, where he was Jellico's top pass rusher; and

WHEREAS, each of these highly regarded players is deserving of special recognition by this body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Tommy Bowlin, Brad Sharp, Tim Leach, and

Dave Angel on being chosen Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association All-Region 2 2-A and wish them much continued success in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation to the school and to each person named above, with this final clause omitted from such copy.